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David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel; Panel on *Bacillus Thuringiensis* Plant Pesticides and Resistance Management; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-day meeting of a Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) Subpanel on managing the emergence of resistance in insect pest populations to *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (*Bt*) plant-pesticides. The meeting will be open to the public. The Panel will discuss specific questions posed by the Agency based on an EPA report. This meeting will be the second in a series of SAP meetings the Agency intends to hold on resistance management and *Bt*. The first meeting was held on March 1, 1995. EPA anticipates it will hold a third meeting in late 1998 or early 1999, to review a second report it intends to prepare issuing information submitted to EPA in late 1997 and 1998.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 9 and 10, 1998, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Should this meeting be canceled because of weather-related problems, the meeting will then be rescheduled for February 17 and 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at EPA, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1126, Arlington, VA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the report are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register**--Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

The Panel will discuss specific questions posed by the Agency based on an EPA report. The report evaluates scientific data generated by companies in the 1996 growing season and submitted to EPA on plants expressing *Bt* delta endotoxins, i.e., *Bt* field corn, *Bt* cotton, and *Bt* potato. The report also analyzes information gathered on the 1996 bollworm infestation in Brazos Valley in Texas in 1996. Finally, the report compiles and analyzes testimony offered at the two public hearings held by EPA under FIFRA section 21 on March 21, 1997, in Washington, DC and on May 21, 1997, in College Station, TX. The EPA report may be found in the docket for this meeting. EPA anticipates crops other than corn, cotton, or potato may be modified to express various *Bt* toxins and believes its experience with corn, cotton, and potato expressing various *Bt* toxins may be useful in determining whether and what components of a management program would be appropriate for such crops.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment at the meeting. Members of the public are requested to contact the Agency in advance concerning their desire to comment at the meeting. Attendance by the public will be limited by available space. Persons interested in attending or making public comment should contact Creavery Lloyd, and forward a copy of any public comments, no later than February 2, 1998.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Lynn R. Goldman,

Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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1996 Food Quality Protection Act; Right-To-Know Draft Brochure

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability for public comment of a draft brochure containing information on pesticide residues in food. The draft brochure is available in two formats; the text is identical, but the illustrations differ. EPA is required by the Food Quality Protection Act to make this brochure available to the public through large grocery stores by August 3, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

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To receive copies of the draft brochure: By mail: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, Telephone: (703) 305-5805; Fax: (703) 305-4646, e-mail: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov.

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